

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	PETER M. SIMONSON	Confirmation No.	6218
Application No.	10/720,659	Examiner:	Swiger III, James L.
Date Filed:	November 24, 2003	Group:	3733
For:	ARTIFICIAL FACET JOINT AND METHOD		

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 7, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time, along with authorization to charge the required fee for a two month extension of time, accompanies this Response.

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Amendments to the Claims appear in the Claim Listing which begins on page 3

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